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1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE KJELL-OLOF FELDT WILL ATTEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARIS SIGNING CEREMONY APRIL 9, ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF

FINANCE SOURCE (M. SOHLMAN). HE WILL SIGN ON BEHALF OF SWEDEN INSTEAD OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE STRANG BECAUSE OF HIS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY RELATED MATTERS.

2. FELDT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SWEDISH DECISION TO PARTICIPATE. BY TAKING A CLEAR-CUT AND STRONGLY SUPPORTING POSITION, HE DIFFUSED OPPOSITION EFFORTS TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF CONSISTENCY OF SUCH A DECISION TO SWEDEN'S POLITICAL NEUTRALITY ANFOBTAINED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT. IN THE FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT ON MARCH 19, HE SAID AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COUNCIL THE GOVERNMENT HAD FOUND THERE ARE "PREDOMINANT REASONS WHY SWEDEN SHOULD JOIN THE OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND." STRUSZ-HUPE

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